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FOR: Mayor and Members of the City Council
SUBJECT: CITYWIDE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

The *Citywide Weekly Report* highlights various activities throughout the City for the week. Consistent with our mission to ensure equal access to opportunity, education, and quality of life for every man, woman and child regardless of their race, religion, age or socio-economic status, this report will work to organize our weekly achievements so that we can measure and maximize our management and performance toward reaching our goals. It is our intent that this report will help to improve communications about the programs and services provided to both the City Council and the community.

Please feel free to contact the Public Affairs Department with any questions.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Fire

- Congratulations to Battalion Chief Richard Cabral for his selection as Firefighter of the Year by the Central Valley Safety Council. Battalion Chief Cabral was honored during the Council's dinner on Thursday, February 22, 2007. He has been a member of the Fire Department since 1987.

WEEKLY NEWS

KEY RESULT AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY

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Fire

- From February 16 through February 22 at 1430 hours, fire crews responded to 636 incidents.

Police

- On Fat Tuesday in the Tower District, 23 year old Joel Perales of Clovis shot Traffic Officer Gil Holguin twice during a "routine" traffic stop, and also seriously wounded a woman bystander. A 10 minute pursuit ensued during which time Perales shot Sergeant Charlie Chamalbide in the face and Traffic Officer Raphael Davies on his arm. The pursuit ended with legal intervention near Angus and Dakota where the gunman was shot and killed by officers.

KEY RESULT AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

Economic research – an important tool

- The City of Fresno Economic Development Department attended the recent launching of the Center for Economic Research and Education of Central California (CERECC). The program will help provide much needed research on items such as Central Valley economic indicators and a living wage ordinance in the City of Fresno. It will also provide new and expanded research on the economics of the City of Fresno and Central Valley.

KEY RESULT AREA: CUSTOMER SERVICE

Transportation/FAX

FAX Ridership Continues to Increase!

- Ridership continues to increase on the FAX fixed route system. For the month of January 2007, ridership increased 2% with 991,520 being served compared to 972,382 in January 2006. Fixed route revenues also increased by 0.2% to \$631,064.52 compared with \$629,772.01 in January 2006.

Airports

2007 Valley Business Conference

- Fresno Yosemite International Airport participated in 2007 Valley Business Conference Expo/Luncheon and VIP Conference Reception. FYI Airport was the proud sponsor of the Business Conference VIP reception to officially launch the conference venue and to cordially welcome this year's distinguished speakers. The Airport attracted many visitors to the Airport's booth during the conference expo. Airport staff received several compliments regarding the international air service, attraction of new air service, and the upcoming consolidated rental car and solar projects.

Public Utilities

Dirty Jobs

- Amy Allen was at the Solid Waste and Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facilities to film a segment for Channel 47's own version of the popular Discovery Channel series "Dirty Jobs."

The reporter filmed a short clip on the Solid Waste Bin Shop. Robert Weakley and Robert Rodriguez were featured.

Ch47 also filmed the cleaning of a Wastewater sump at the Septic Hauler Station which receives wastes from septic tanks and chemical toilets. Jack French, Joe Ruiz, Guadalupe Gomez and Ron Mehelic were caught 'giving their all' while doing routine cleaning of the sump.

Sewer Maintenance

Without a lost time injury

- Sewer Maintenance is now at 1,200 days without a lost time injury. 200 days since the Mayor's challenge. That is 3.28 years and approximately 180,000 man hours (1/4 a million).
- Kudos from the Department of Health Services in recognizing the cities of Clovis and Fresno for a safe drinking water system resulting from daily surveillance of the Fresno Irrigation District's Enterprise Canal system.